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In re:	Patent Application of Rita Koester, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1751
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including April 2, 2004, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Request for Reconsideration.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner as to the rejection set forth in Paper No. 8, in view of the following remarks.